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LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `32 million child labourers in India` appearing in the Statesman dated April 4, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of matter reported therein;

(c) the number of children rehabilitated from hazardous industries during each of the last three years in each State;

(d) whether the Centre of Concern for Child Labour has recently submitted a detailed report to the government on child labour in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken by the Government on the report;

(g) the main hurdles faced by the Government in the rehabilitation of the child labour; and (h) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken for effective rehabilitation of child labour?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 451 FOR 26.04.2000 REGARDING `REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR`.

(a) & (b): Government has noted the contents of the news item captioned `32 million Child labourers in India` published in the Statesman dated 4.4.2000. Some of the points mentioned in the news item are as follows:

+ 32 million school going age children are out of school in the country; percentage of children out of school is much higher in North India than Southern parts, enrolment of Boys and Girls in schools from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is low in proportion to the total enrolment;

+ urgent review of the Child Labour Rehabilitation policy; and

+ introduction of `Special primary education tax` in the country.

(d) to (f): Centre of concern for child labour has also submitted a report in April, 2000. The report, inter-alia, contains details on definition of child labour, extent of child labour, types of child labour, Government of India`s Policy towards child labour, rehabilitation of child labour through different models and challenges for future. Government has noted the contents of Reports.

(c) (g) & (h): Government of India has been implementing two schemes, for rehabilitation of Children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations . At present 92 National Child Labour Projects are in operation in 10 child labour endemic states for rehabilitation of 1.9 lakh children working in hazardous occupations. The State-wise position of coverage of children is given below:-

Name of the State	Sanctioned Coverage
1. Andhra Pradesh	62050
2. Bihar	12200

3. Karnataka 550

4. Madhya Pradesh 12500

5. Maharashtra 3700
6. Orissa 36750

7 Rajasdthan 7000

8. Tamil Nadu 21900

9. Uttar Pradesh 22500
10. West Bengal 15000

Child Labour is a socio-economic problem which needs sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem and the constraint of resources, a gradual, progressive and sequential approach has been adopted for withdrawal and rehabilitation of child labourers.

The provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 are being monitored by the State Central Governments. A Central Monitoring Committee has been set up for overall supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the National Child Labour Projects.